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SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 7, 2006

Morgan Hill Civic Center

Council Chambers 17555 Peak Avenue

Senior Advisory Committee

Chair Gloria Subocz
Vice-Chair Susan Fent
Committee Member Keith Cram
Committee Member Staten Johnston
Committee Member Jeannette Riley
Committee Member Betty Gigliotti
Committee Member William Quenneville

Parks & Recreation

Commission Liaison Jeff Bernardini

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Fent called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Chair Subocz was absent. All other members present.

DECLARATION OF POSTING THE AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE

Led by Member Gigliotti

Christ Mejia, staff liaison for the Youth Advisory Committee, presented information on the Senior Ball being held on Friday, April 7, 2006 at the Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center.

VERBAL REPORTS

YMCA SENIOR PROGRAM MONTHLY UPDATE

Senior Center Director Wyman

Patricia Wyman reported on Senior Center activities and provided copies of the Senior Center newsletter for February. Representative Wyman introduced the new Community Action Group Representative, Gail Wampler.

COUNCIL ON AGIING (COA) ADVISORY COMMISSION Representative Fent

Representative Fent announced that at the last COA meeting the Senior Transportation program was discussed. The speaker from Outreach announced a pilot program that allows seniors (over 60 years of age) who do not qualify for paratransit are allowed up to (24) taxi rides for \$2.00. Seniors who are currently eligible for paratransit are allowed up to 48 rides for \$2.00. Representative Fent made available program literature from Outreach (included in these minutes).

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP (CAG)

Representative Wampler

Gail Wampler, the new CAG representative, announced that she could be reached at 408-762-6020 and was currently working out of the Senior Center. Ms. Wampler provided the Committee with Minutes of the January 12, 2006 CAG meeting (included in these minutes). Member Johnston asked Representative Wampler if there was anything that the SAC could do for the CAG. Ms. Wampler requested that the SAC spread the word about CAG. She also announced that they are looking for volunteers to drive seniors to appointments, etc.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2005.

Member Cram made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Quenneville seconded the motion. Minutes approved (6:0).

BUSINESS

2. SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM

<u>Recommended Action</u>: Information Item. Information will be provided by Julie Aragon, Senior Nutrition Program, Santa Clara County Department of Aging and Adult Services.

Julie Aragon, Senior Nutrition Program Manager, provided a brief history of the County

Senior Nutrition Program as well as an explanation of the current funding. She said that the County has a definite interest in continuing service to the seniors of Morgan Hill and is eager to continue discussions with the City and the YMCA regarding this service.

Member Fent commented that the seniors need to hear that there will be a nutrition program come September (when the Senior Center is moved to the Indoor Recreation Center). Ms. Aragon stressed that they will make every effort to see that the program continues.

Member Johnston asked Ms. Aragon what the SAC might do. Ms Aragon requested that the SAC advocate for the priority of this service.

3. VTA PARATRANSIT UPDATE

<u>Recommended Action</u>: Action Item. Member Fent will report on the Paratransit Eligibility Certification process.

Member Fent reported on the current and the proposed paratransit eligibility process and distributed a comparison chart (included in these minutes) provided by the Council on Aging. As no public comments will be taken after February 25th; and therefore no committee action could be taken because of the timing; Ms. Fent suggested that members write individual letters of support for the proposal.

No Committee action was taken.

4. ELDER ABUSE

Recommended Action: Information Item. Member Fent will provide information on Elder Abuse.

Member Fent spoke with Cindy Hendrickson of the District Attorney's office and Lieutenant Terrie Booten of the Morgan Hill Police Department about the protocol for reporting cases of elder abuse. The District Attorney's office informed that citizens should report the abuse to the Police first, followed by Adult Protective Services (1-800-414-2002), and then to the District Attorney's office.

As a result of Ms. Fent's dialogue with Lieutenant Booten and Ms. Hendrickson, a police personnel training will be held in Morgan Hill in the spring that will provide local authorities with information on elder abuse and the appropriate reporting protocol.

It was requested by Committee that Lieutenant Booten be asked to speak to the SAC on the protocol once the training has occurred.

5. EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

<u>Recommended Action</u>: Action Item. Consider Resolution (attached) to purchase equipment and software to be used by the SAC staff liaison that would allow for the scanning of documents.

Staff Liaison Lengsfield informed the Committee that she now had the ability to scan

documents and create PDF files in order to provide the Committee with full agenda packets electronically. There was no cost to the City for this as a printer with scanning capability was available and the software and training were provided free of charge by the company that provides copier service.

No Committee action was taken

6. SAC WORKPLAN REVIEW

Recommended Action: Action Item. Review SAC Workplan and consider action on Workplan item/s.

Member Johnston supports focusing the workplan with the agenda and looking for individual member commitment on workplan items. Member Johnston moved to have the workplan become Item 1 on each SAC agenda. Member Riley seconded the motion. Motion carried (6:0). Member Johnston then moved to have a retreat to work through the commitment of the Commission and establish goals for the Committee. Member Riley seconded the motion. Motion carried (6:0).

Committee action taken.

7. CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE - SANTA CLARA COUNTY NEWS Recommended Action: Information Item. Provide legislative updates for February 2006.

The legislative update for February was distributed.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Member Johnston provided a handout (included in these minutes) entitled "City Talk" and requested placing this topic (Community Conversations) on the March Agenda.

It was requested that Kelly from The Health Trust be invited to attend a SAC meeting to discuss senior nutrition.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Quenneville made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Johnston seconded the motion. Motion carried (6:0). The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT to the next monthly meeting on March 7, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill.